

# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Pilot Project



**Alameda County  
Congestion Management Agency**

**In partnership with**

- Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

**In cooperation with**

- Caltrans
- California Highway Patrol



# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project – Vendor Outreach Agenda**

1. Opening Comments and Introductions
2. Discussion of ETS RFP Contract Issues
3. Overview of Project and Contractor Responsibilities
4. Overview of the Express Lane ETS and Schedule
5. Closing Comments and Q&A Session

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project Contract Issues**

- Bond Requirements
- Insurance Requirements
- Pre-Award Audit
- DBE Requirements
- Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Local Business Enterprise (LBE) Requirements
- Non-Discrimination Clause
- Levine Act

# I-680 Corridor - Express Lane Limits



# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane**

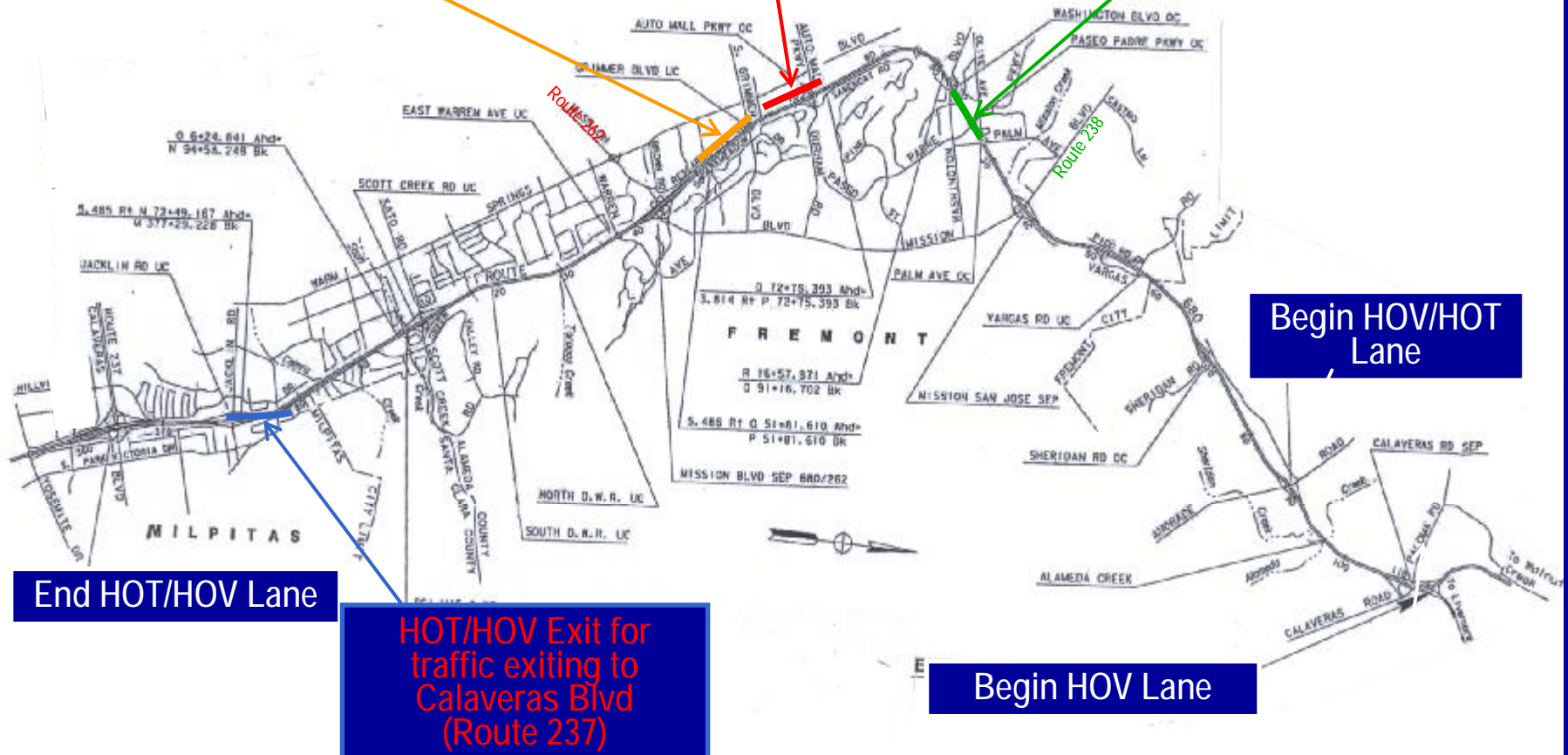
- Bay Area's first HOT lane project
- Converts Existing HOV Lane to a Combined HOV/HOT Lane
- 14-mile stretch of southbound I-680 over the Sunol Grade
- Starts at Highway 84 in the north and Ends at Highway 237 in the south

# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project – Locations for Intermediate Access

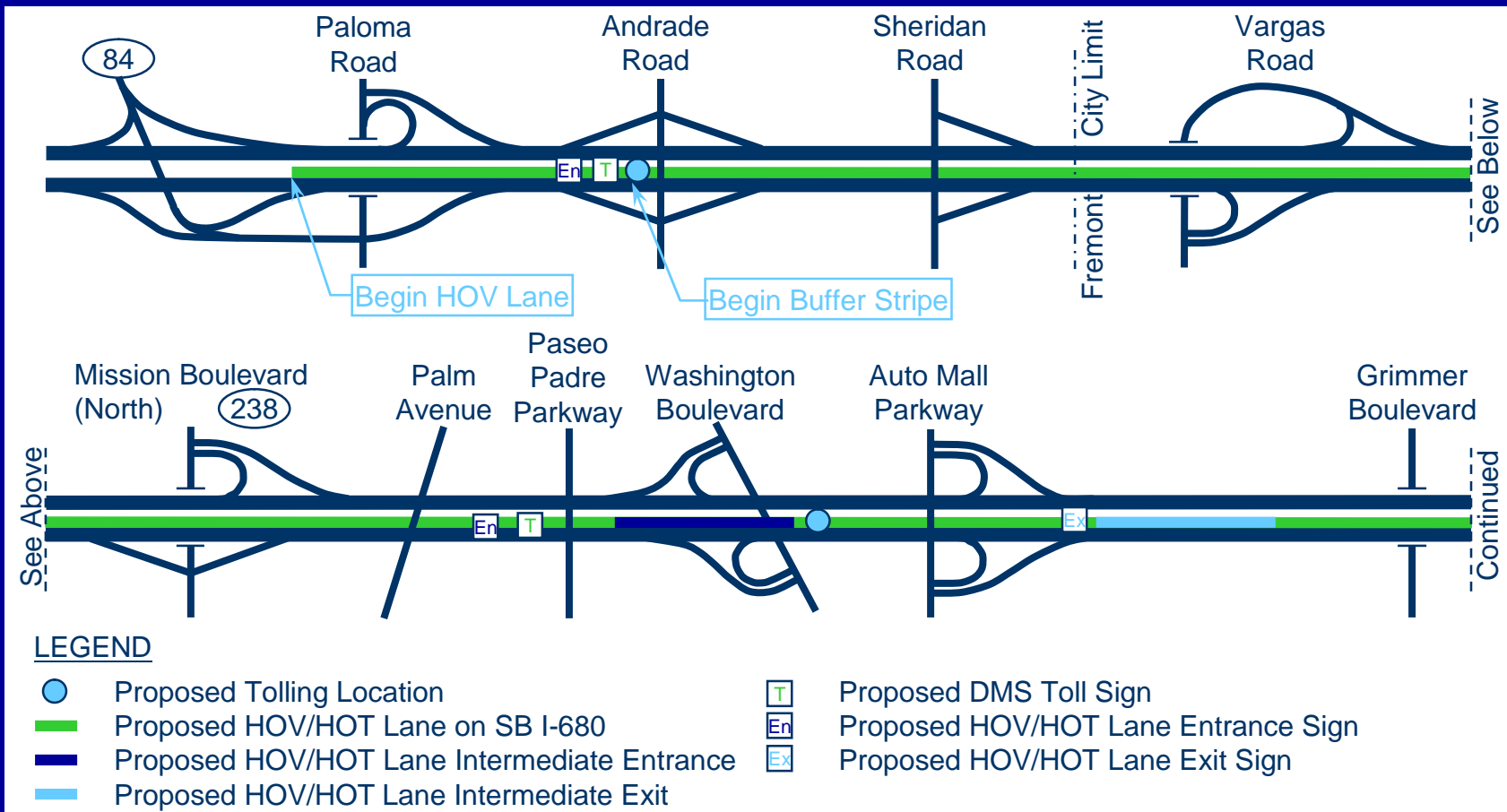
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Auto Mall Pkwy

HOT/HOV Exit for  
traffic exiting to  
Mission Blvd (South)  
(Route 262)

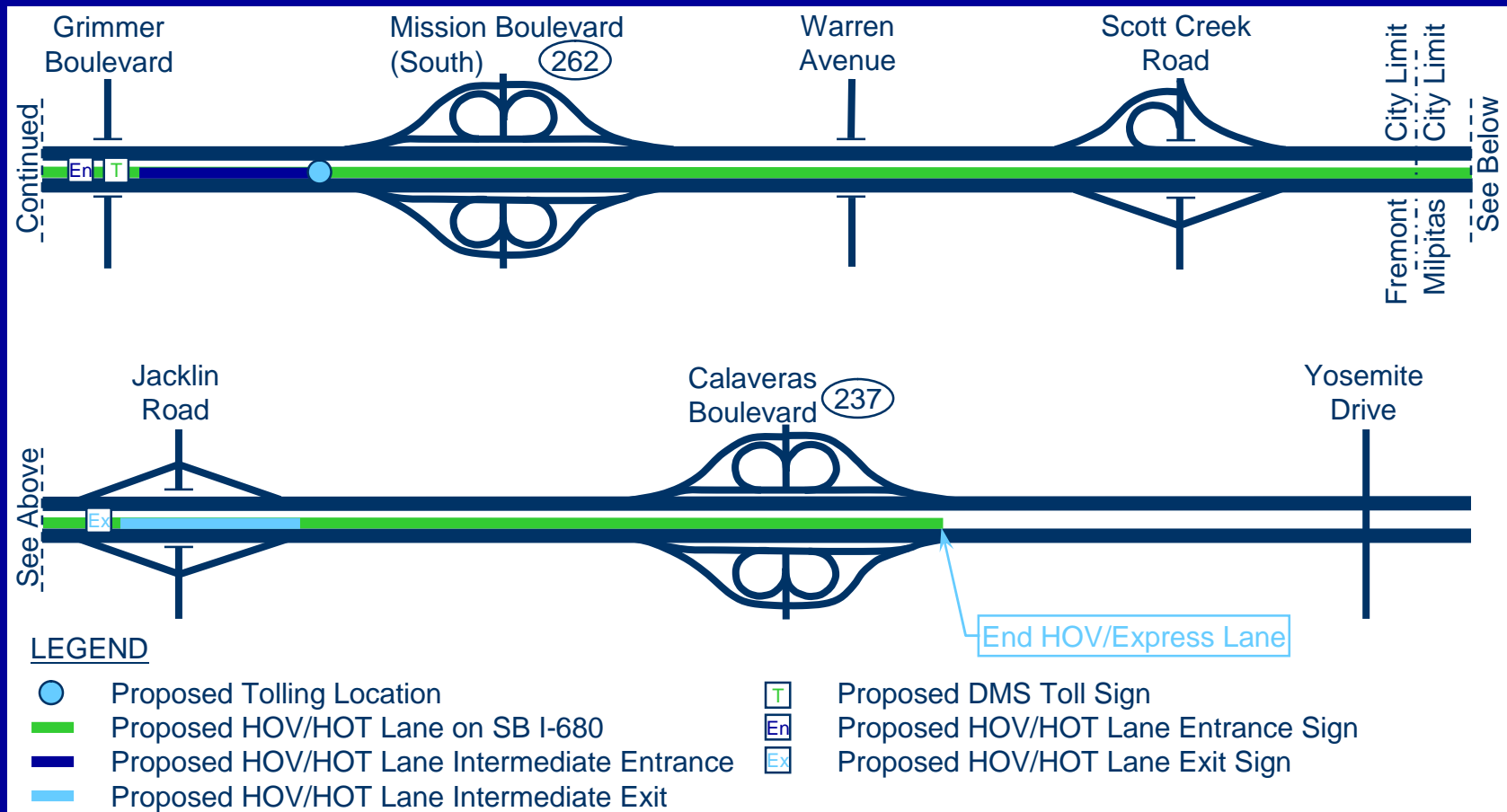
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# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Schematic - Route 84 to Grimmer Boulevard



# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Schematic - Grimmer Boulevard to Route 237

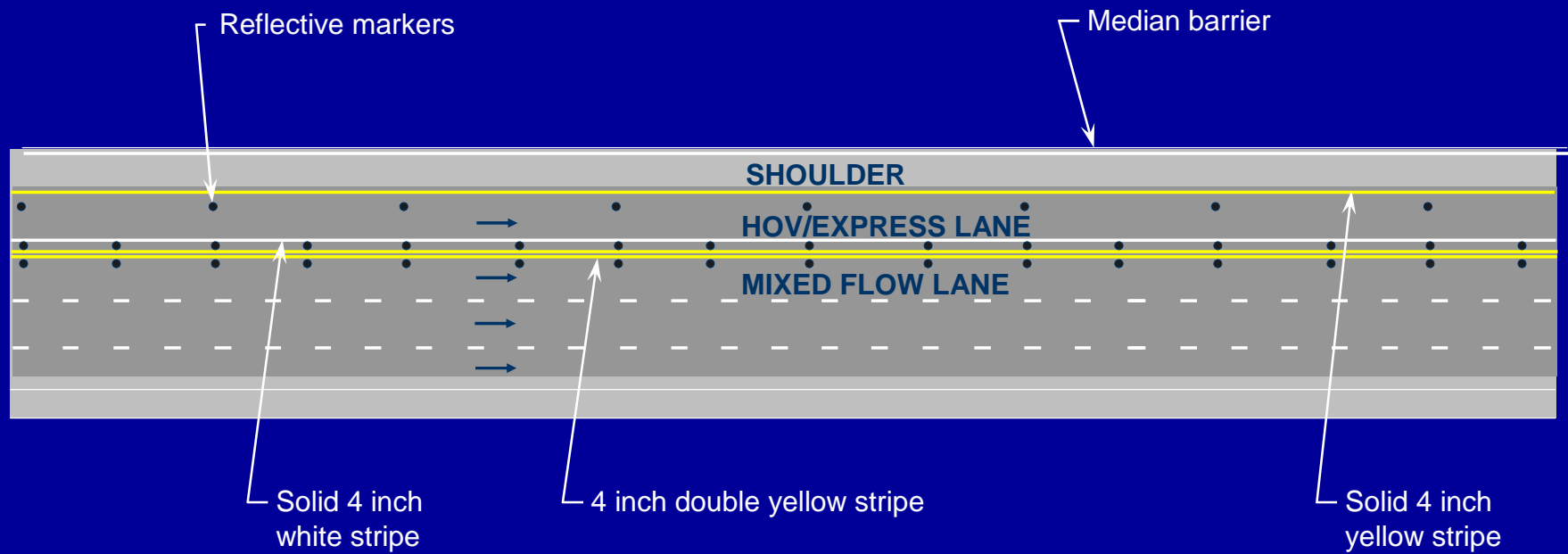


# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Unique Civil Features**

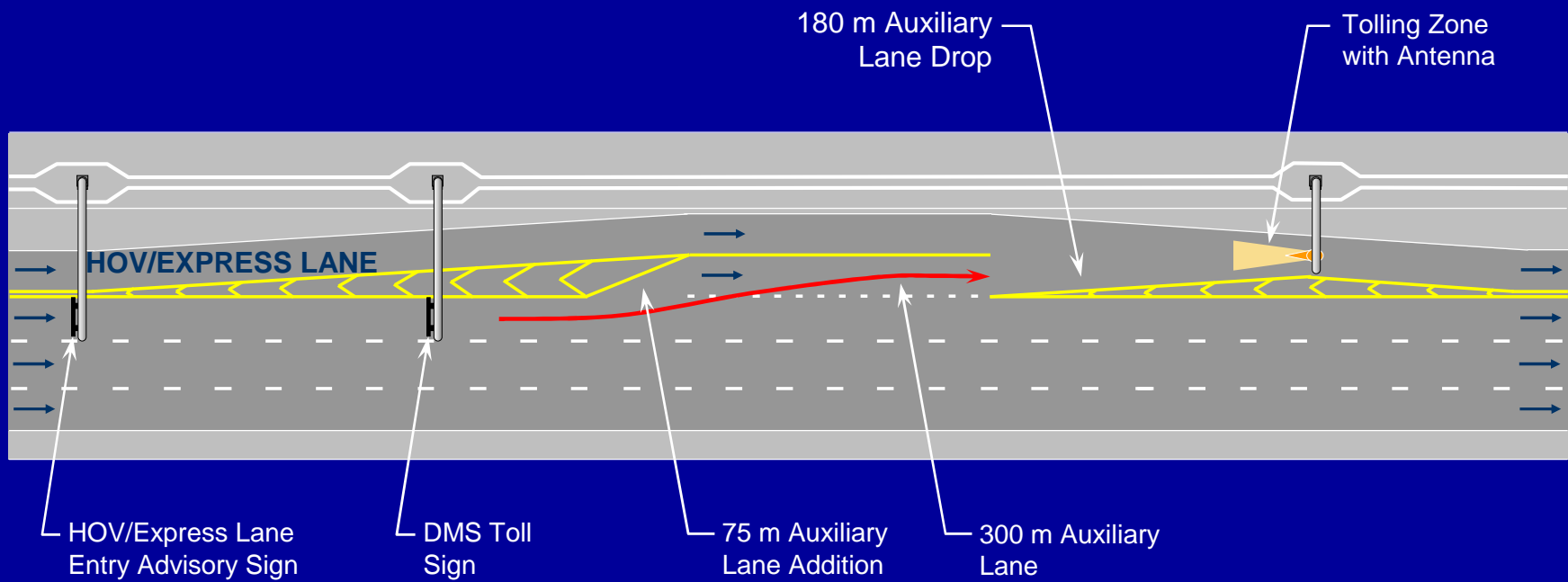
- Access Zones Include Acceleration and Deceleration Lanes
- 2-Foot Buffer Stripe Separation
- Inside Shoulder Enforcement Areas

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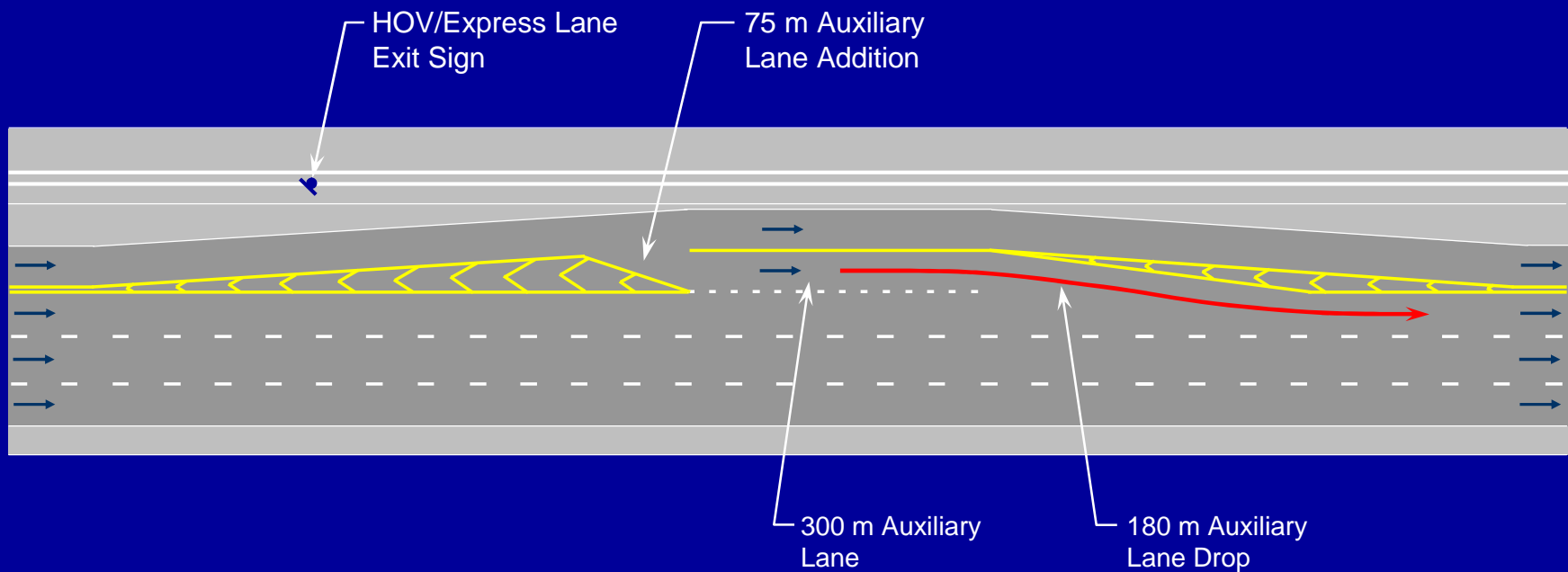
## Two Foot Buffer Stripe



# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Intermediate Entrance / Tolling Zone



# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Intermediate Exit



# **I-680 Express Lane Median Overhead Sign**



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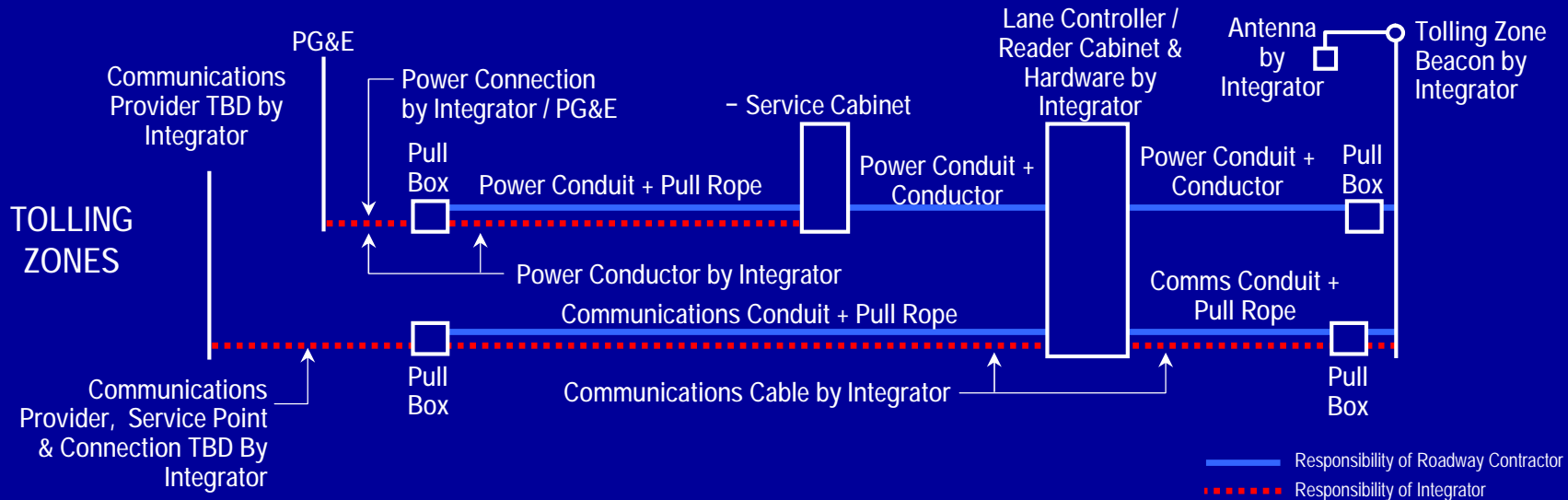
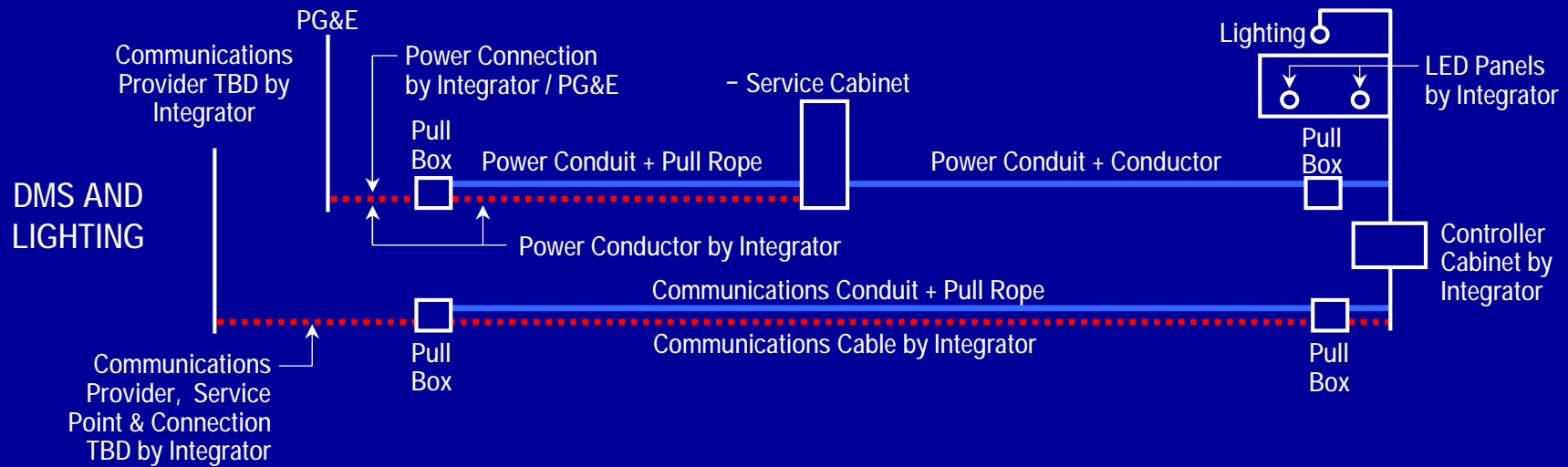
# **I-680 Express Lane Median Overhead Sign**



# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Roadway Construction**

- Three Roadway Construction Packages
- Roadway Design in Metric Units
- Road Construction will install most of the Express Lane Infrastructure
- Requires Close Coordination between Systems Integrator and Roadway Contractors
- Roadway Construction Window for Integrator
- Requires Caltrans Review and Approval of Plans

# I-680 Southbound Express Lane Contractor Responsibility Chart



— Responsibility of Roadway Contractor  
 ..... Responsibility of Integrator

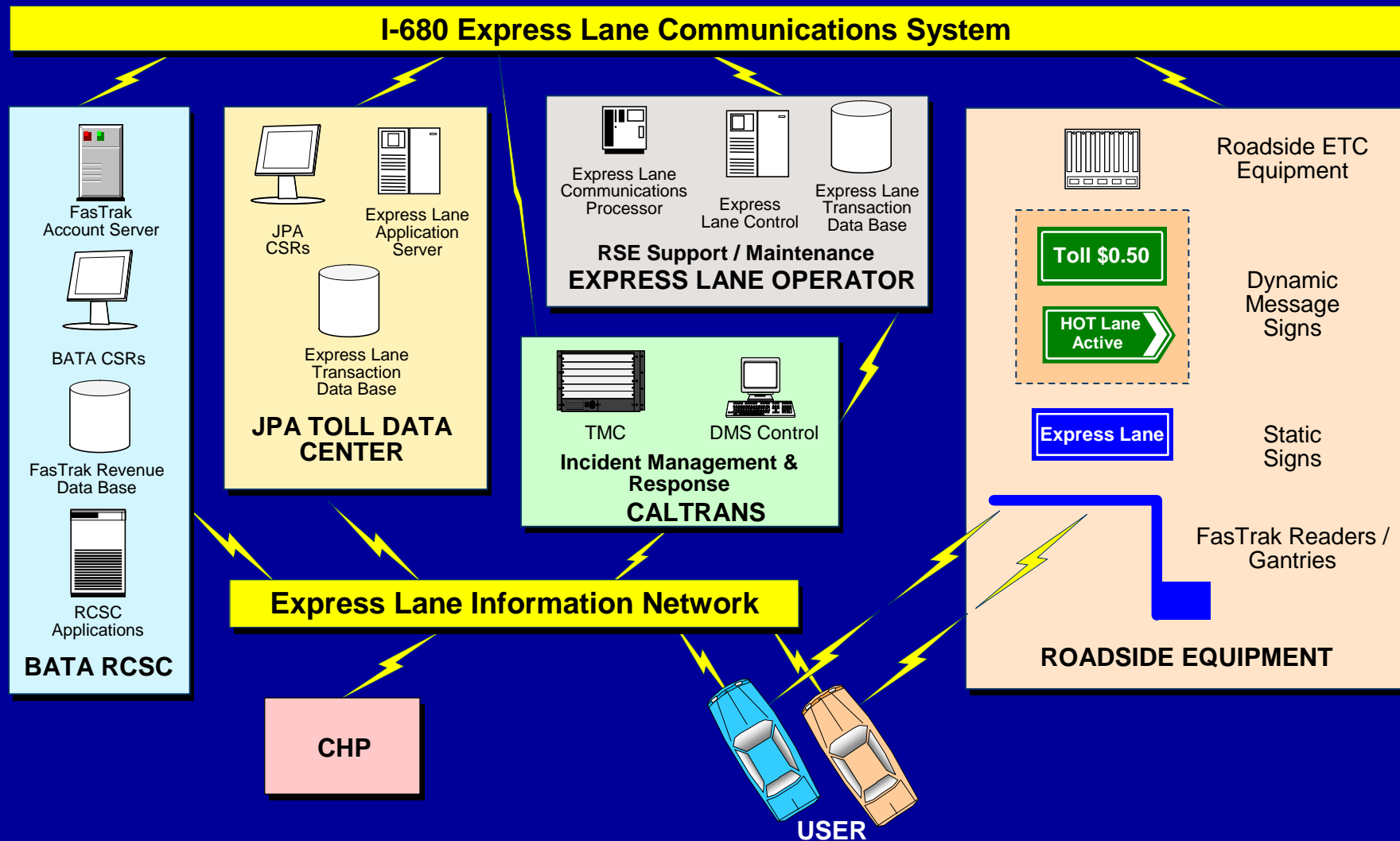
# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project**

**Any Civil Related Questions?**

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Electronic Toll System**

- All Electronic Toll Collection System (ETS)
- Full interoperability with FasTrak ETC System (Title-21)
- Integration with BATA Regional Customer Service and Account Management Systems
- Visual system enforcement by the CHP assisted by electronic equipment

# Electronic Toll System Architecture



# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Unique Tolling System Features**

- Full Traffic Monitoring in Express and Mixed Use Lanes
- A Primary Goal of Express Lane Operation is Revenue Maximization
- Enforcement Using Hand-Held Portable Devices

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane JPA Responsibilities**

- ETS Roadside Equipment
- Vehicle Detection Station Equipment
- Dynamic Message Signs
- Toll Data Center
  - Dynamic Pricing Subsystem (Trip Generation)
  - Interface to BATA RCSC
  - Interface to Regional TMC (via Caltrans)
  - Express Lane Customer Service Representatives
- ETS Operations and Maintenance
- System Enforcement (via CHP)

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane BATA Responsibilities**

- FasTrak account management
- Customer service interface to the public
- Express Lane trip record processing
- Revenue management functions
- Transponder inventory and tracking
- Transponder fulfillment
- Provide FasTrak revenue and account information to the JPA

# **I-680 Express Lane System Enforcement Strategy**

- Enforcement Agency:
  - California Highway Patrol
- Visual Enforcement from CHP
- System Enforcement Technologies:
  - FasTrak Transponder Detection Beacons
  - Mobile Enforcement Readers
  - Hand Held Enforcement Devices

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Schedule**

- Summer 2008: Release ETS RFP
- Fall 2008: Civil Construction Commences
- Spring 2009: Systems Integrator NTP
- Spring 2010: System Factory Testing
- Summer 2010: Equipment Installation Complete
- Late 2010: Open to Traffic
- 2011: System and Project Evaluation

# **I-680 Southbound Express Lane Project**

**Any Electronic Toll System  
Related Questions?**

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1. The installation of the ETS equipment will be done during a specific construction window specified within each of the three roadway contractor packages. Would there be any specific language in the roadway contract specifications you would suggest to facilitate the work?
2. Due to the duration of the roadway construction and depending on the date of the NTP to the Integrator, there may be float in the Systems Integrator schedule. What would your approach be and what would you suggest be done?
3. The roadway contractor will provide and install a large portion of the ETS infrastructure. The design of the conduit runs and size were estimated. The objective is to reduce (not eliminate) the amount of construction required by the Systems Integrator. What recommendations would you suggest?
4. What time period are you comfortable with regarding the toll system design, development and factory testing? Furthermore, what time period would you need to effectively develop the dynamic pricing software?
5. Please let us know what experience your company has using RTMS equipment for traffic detection? Is this technology improving over time?
6. What requirements do you think we should incorporate into the ETS RFP that will ensure that you have the type of staff resources you will need to develop the dynamic pricing algorithms?
7. Has your company had a lot of experience testing software by using simulated data, which will be required during the testing of the dynamic pricing software?
8. Do you have any concerns about operational aspects of the toll change interval or the minimum toll change increment?
9. At what time intervals would you design into the system increasing or decreasing toll rates depending upon the traffic density/speed in the Express and MF lanes?